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December 18th, 1919

Rev. Dr. Cheyne,
Toronto.

My dear Dr. Cheyne:

The question that you bring up is certainly a difficult one. In the first place, I believe, that the first step is to get the Union consummated between the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and that no other negotiation should be entered upon that will defer what seems to me to be a perfectly feasible and very nearly accomplished union. If this point of view is kept in mind I think that it would do no harm to have a general meeting with the Anglicans and Baptists. In fact it might be injurious to Church Union if advances were rejected.

Inasmuch as I am only Chairman of the Committee on Church Union I am hardly in a position to know what to say without consulting some others. I think that you yourself were present in New York and you will know what was done. I should imagine that any conversation that might be held would not likely interfere in any way with the steps that we have already taken in regard to the Union we hope may be consummated before very long.

I am expecting to call the Church Union Committee to meet next March. I hardly wish to do so now in order to deal with such a question as this. However, I will make more inquiries and will write you later. I am sorry I am not able to give you a more definite answer, but possibly if we had a conversation we might be able to arrive at some conclusion in the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

REV. S. D. CHOWN, D.D., LL.D.
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June 4th, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President of the University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Sir Robert:

I have been travelling so constantly recently that I have been unable to keep in touch with local happenings. I very much desire to be associated with the University as closely as possible, but I am in doubt as to whether I am included in the Invitation to "Members of the Board of Governors, the Senate, and the Staff, to meet in the foyer of Convocation Hall" at special functions of the University. When I do not receive a special invitation to go, I feel a hesitancy, and I would like to know whether my positions, as General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, and Chairman of the Board of Regents of Victoria College, are intended to bring me within the circle of those included in the invitation I have referred to.

Will you be good enough to inform me so that my doubt will be set at rest.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

S. D. Chown

June 5th, 1920

Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., LL.D.,
General Superintendent, Methodist Church,
Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

My dear Dr. Chown:

You are always invited to our special functions at the University in Convocation Hall by courtesy as head of the Methodist Church, just as we invite Archbishop McNeil as the head of the Roman Catholic Church, and if there should be a Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the city he would be invited also. The Bishop of Toronto on the other hand comes by right as he is a member of the Senate through Trinity College. Of course you can easily understand that the appointments to the Senate are not made by the University as a whole, but through the representative parts. I hope that we have not been overlooking you in any way, because we always endeavour to have our gatherings as representative as possible.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.